

SECTION XX.**SR1SHTI,****OR****THE CREATION.**

SHRI BHAGAYAN said:

1. Earth, water, fire, air, ether, Manas and
Buddhi also,
and Ahankara—these are the eightfold
division of My
Prakriti.—(vii. 4.)
2. This the inferior. Know My other
Prakriti, the
higher, the life-element, O mighty-armed,
by which the
universe is upheld.—(vii. 5.)
3. Know this to be the womb of all beings.
I am the
going forth of the whole universe and
likewise its dis-
solving.—(vii. 6.)
4. My womb is the Mahat-Brahma; in that I
place the
germ; thence cometh the production of
all beings, O
BMrata.—(xiv. 3.)
5. In whatsoever wombs mortals are
produced, O
Kaunteya, the Mahat-Brahma is their
womb, I their
generating father.—(xiv. 4.)
6. All beings, O Kaunteya! go into My
Prakriti at the
end of a Kalpa ; at the beginning of a Kalpa I
again send
them out.—(ix. 7.)
7. Abiding Prakriti's Lord, I send forth again
and again
all this multitude of beings, helpless, by
the force of
Piakriti.—(ix. 8.)
8. By My presiding, Prakriti sends forth
the moving
and the unmoving ; because of this, O
Kaunteya, the uni-
verse revolves.—(ix. 10.)